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In Re Application of: )  
Lawrence D. Wong )  
U.S. Serial No: 09/745,705 ) Examiner: Vu, Hung K.  
Filed: December 21, 2000 ) Art Unit: 2811  
For: Structural Reinforcement of Highly )  
Porous Low K Dielectric Films by )  
ILD Posts )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination, per 37 CFR 1.114, and further requests the Examiner to enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the following remarks.

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